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This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 5/25/2006 by which the application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows: